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Makuva language

Makuva, also known as **Maku'a** or **Lóvaia**,[4] is an apparently extinct Austronesian language spoken at the northeast tip of East Timor near the town of Tutuala.

Makuva has been heavily influenced by neighboring East Timorese Papuan languages, to the extent that it was long thought to be a Papuan language. The ethnic population was 50 in 1981, but the younger generation uses Fataluku as their first or second language.

Makuva	
Maku'a, Lóvaia	
Native to	East Timor
Native speakers	extinct since 1950s[1] to 56 (2010 census)[2]
Language family	Austronesian ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Central–Eastern ▪ Timor–Babar ▪ Luangic–Kisaric? ▪ **Makuva**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`lva`
Glottolog	`maku1277 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/maku1277)`[3]

Distribution of Makuva speakers in East Timor

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External links

- ELAR archive of Maku'a language documentation materials (http://elar.soas.ac.uk/deposit/0202)

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